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SUBJ: REVISED EXPERTS REPORT ON INDIAN OCEAN

1. UN RELEASED JULY 15 REVISED EXPERTS REPORT ON MILITARY
PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN (DOCUMENT #A/AC.159/1.REV. 1).
ISSUANCE OF REVISION EXPLAINED IN "INTRODUCTORY NOTE" THAT SYG
REQUESTED EXPERTS TO "REVIEW" THEIR ORIGINAL REPORT IN ORDER TO
"CLARIFY THE BASIS OF CERTAIN PARTS OF THE STATEMENT". ACCORDING
TO INTRODUCTION, EXPERTS "UNANIMOUSLY AGREED" UPON REVISED STATE-
MENT.

2. APART FROM SHORT INTRODUCTION OUTLINING RELEVANT UNGA
RESOLUTIONS, REVISED REPORT CONSISTS EXCLUSIVELY OF LISTING
OF MILITARY AND NAVAL PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN OF FIVE
PERMANENT SC MEMBERS, WITH SEPARATE SECTIONS ON CHINA,
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FRANCE, UK, USSR AND US. IN LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL TO SYG,

EXPERTS EXPLAIN NEW FORMAT WITH COMMENT THAT FIRST VERSION INTERPRETED TERM "GREAT POWER RIVALRY" IN UNGA RESOLUTION CALLING FOR STUDY AS REFERRING TO USSR AND US WHILE REVISION FOLLOWS "TRADITIONAL UN PRACTICE OF DEALING ALPHABETICALLY WITH FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SC".

3. LIST OF PLANNED CONSTRUCTION AT DIEGO GARCIA, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER ANNEXES TO ORIGINAL REPORTINGELIMINATED. REVISION ALSO ELIMINATES SPECULATIVE REMARKS IN ORIGINAL AND GIVES SOURCES FOR VITUALLY ALL INFORMATION REPORTED.

4. CHINA DISPOSED OF WITH STATEMENT THAT IT HAS NO BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN AND DOES NOT DEPLOY NAVAL UNITS THERE.

5. SECTION ON USSR STATES THAT JUNE 18 LETTER FROM SOVIET PERM REP TO SYG DENYING THAT USSR HAS MILITARY BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN IS "ONLY OFFICIAL INFORMATION FROM SOVIET SOURCES". SAME SECTION NOTES THAT INFORMATION ON USSR "BASED ON OFFICIAL US AND OTHER SOURCES".

6. UK MISOFF (LOGAN) TOLD US JULY 15 THAT HE BELIEVES CHANGES RELATING TO DIEGO GARCIA IN REPORT ARE "ALL TO THE GOOD" AND OFFERED AS EXAMPLE INCLUSION OF UK FONMIN'S MAY 1 STATEMENT TO HOUSE OF COMMONS. LOGAN ALSO NOTED THAT REVISION DOES NOT HIGHLIGHT FACT THAT US CONGRESS HAS SO FAR NOT APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR DIEGO GARCIA. LOGAN DOES NOT EXPECT THAT UK WILL REACT PUBLICLY TO REPORT. HE ADDED THAT SOVIETS ARE NOT HAPPY WITH REPORT'S STATEMENT ON CHINA.
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